

## Maintaining Eligibility after High School

A certified A+ student who has graduated from Cuba High School has a four-year (48 months) timeframe in which to take advantage of the financial incentives. A student who participates must enroll and attend school on a full-time basis. Eligible A+ post-secondary schools are Missouri community colleges and technical/vocational schools. Some four-year colleges and universities offer similar scholarships for the A+ student. The student must also maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grade scale, maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school as well as complete the FAFSA for each academic year the student is enrolled.



## Commonly Asked Questions

### When can a student sign up for the A+ Program?

There is no specific time. The student needs to realize they need enough time to meet all requirements including the 50 hours of tutoring.

### Are dual credit classes covered with A+ funding?

No, student eligibility becomes effective only after high school graduation.

### How long are A+ funds available?

The incentive funds are available to eligible students for two years (6 semesters) during the four-year (48 months) period immediately following graduation.

### What is covered with the A+ funding?

**The funds will reimburse the unpaid balance of tuition and general fees for full-time students AFTER all non-loan federal financial assistance such as federal Pell grant have been applied. The tuition amount eligible for reimbursement is capped at standard credit hour tuition rate of State Technical College of Missouri. Funds may be reduced by insufficient state appropriations. Room, board, books and program specific fees (such as professional licensing fees, clinical uniforms, dues, tools, etc.) ARE NOT covered.**

### Can a student enrolled at a non-eligible college take courses at an eligible college during the summer term only and expect A+ to cover tuition?

No, students who enroll at a community college must be seeking a certificate or degree offered.

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## Crawford County RII Schools Cuba High School

# A+ Schools Program

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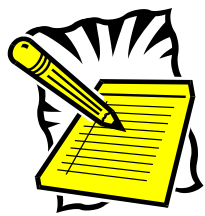


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# A+ Program Requirements

The A+ Schools Program was established by the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993. The school is required to establish specific guidelines and policies to meet the stipulations of the program. The following requirements are mandatory to qualify for the A+ Schools Program.

The student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident in the U.S. to be eligible.



## Agreement

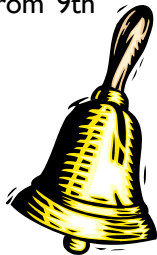
Students may enroll in the A+ Program as early as 9th grade. The student and their parents/guardian must sign an A+ Student Agreement.

## Attendance

Students in the A+ Schools program must maintain a 95% attendance record for grades 9 - 12. Students must attend a designated A+ School for two years prior to graduation.

## Grade Point Average

The A+ Schools Program requires students to have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale at graduation. This GPA is cumulative from 9th through 12th.



## Tutoring



Students enrolled in the A+ Schools Program are required to perform fifty hours of unpaid academic tutoring. Students must sign a tutoring agreement and participate in a tutoring meeting held at the beginning of each semester prior to earning tutoring hours. Students must have at least a 2.4 GPA to qualify to tutor. All tutoring must be pre-approved by the A+ Coordinator. Tutoring may be done during the school year or during summer school (when offered). A+ seniors must have all tutoring hours completed a week prior to graduation. The A+ student must follow all school dress codes and discipline codes as stated in the Cuba High School Student Handbook. Failure to follow the tutoring procedures may result in dismissal from the A+ program.

## End of Course

Beginning 2015, students must achieve a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I (or higher level mathematics course) end of course exam. If all other A+ requirements are met except this one, an alternative option to meeting this requirement may be available. Since the Missouri Department of Higher Education makes annual updates to the alternative options, please contact the A+ Coordinator for specifics.

## Good Citizenship

The A+ program requires students to maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of unlawful use of drugs and/or alcohol. A student who violates this requirement will automatically be denied A+ incentives. The parent/guardian will be notified if the student violates the Student Code of Conduct as stated in the Cuba High School Student Handbook

Citizenship Defined-Students whose character or conduct is such that they reflect negatively on themselves or their school are not considered "creditable citizens". Conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the Cuba High School Handbook, A+ Handbook, and policies set forth by Crawford County R-II School district.



## FAFSA

All A+ seniors must show a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds. Parents of the student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA information must be sent to the college or vocational/technical school the student is planning to attend. The FAFSA application may be completed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning October 1st of the year of graduation. Proof of completion must be turned into the A+ office by February 1st of the year of graduation.

## Selective Service

All male students reaching the age of 18 must register for selective service within 60 days of their 18th birthday. Proof of registration is requested by the A+ office.